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TAGS: PFOR, UN

SUBJECT: UN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

1. FIRST MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT
PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH HOST
GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES WHICH WILL BE MAJOR EMPHASES
OF NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND TO NOTE ADMINISTRATION'S
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COMMITMENT TO WORK ON THESE ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL
CONTEXT. TEXT OF ADDRESS CARRIED ON WIRELESS FILE.
FOLLOWING GUIDANCE SUGGESTS POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE
STRESSED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. IMPORTANCE OF UNITED NATIONS. DECISION TO DELIVER
FIRST MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AT UNITED NATIONS

UNDERLINES MAJOR IMPORTANCE ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO UN SYSTEM. SPEECH FOLLOWS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY SYG AT INVITATION OF PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (CFR NO. 9 OF MARCH 2). PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT ALL NATIONS HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING IDEALS OF UN WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, SELF-GOVERNMENT, HUMAN DIGNITY, MUTUAL TOLERATION AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.

3. PEACE AND SECURITY. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS BRIEFLY HIGHLIGHTED PROBLEM AREAS OF THE WORLD. ON MIDDLE EAST, HE CALLED FOR A FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR A JUST AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE PLEDGED US TO WORK FOR MAJORITY RULE THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, NOTING THAT CONGRESS REPEALED BYRD AMENDMENT THIS WEEK, BRINGING US INTO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. (PRESIDENT SIGNED BILL MARCH 18.) HE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENED US RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH FORMER ADVERSARIES AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC IN SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

4. ARMS CONTROL. DISCUSSION OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS FOCUSED ON VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF SALT TALKS, LEADING TO DEEP ARMS REDUCTIONS AS WELL AS STRICT CONTROLS OR EVEN A FREEZE ON NEW TYPES AND GENERATIONS OF WEAPONS. ALTERNATIVELY WE ARE PREPARED TO EXPLORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A MORE LIMITED AGREEMENT, BASED ON ELEMENTS ON WHICH THERE IS CONSENSUS, SETTING ASIDE FOR PROMPT SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS THE MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. HE CALLED FOR EXPLORING TOTAL CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTING, NOTING THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY THAT ALL NUCLEAR STATES IMMEDIATELY ADHERE TO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. HE CALLED FOR DISCUSSION WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH OTHER STATES ON CONTROL OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. HE SAID WE WOULD EXPLORE WITH THE SOVIET UNION MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE US INTENDED TO MAKE A STRONG AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978.

5. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. THE US IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING WORLD AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR DOLS 7.5 BILLION IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMING YEAR. IT HAS ASKED CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TO MEET OUR PLEDGES TO INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS PARTICULARLY IDA AND THE WORLD BANK. THE PRESIDENT HAS COMMITTED THE US TO AN OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM BUT ONE WHICH DOES NOT IGNORE DOMESTIC CONCERNS IN THE US. HE SAID WE WERE WILLING TO CONSIDER NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS TO STABILIZE PRICES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, INCLUDING A COMMON FUNDING MECHANISM FOR FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS WHERE THESE ARE NEGOTIATED.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS. SINCE ALL THE SIGNATORIES TO THE UN CHARTER HAVE PLEDGED TO OBSERVE AND RESPECT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS NO UN MEMBER CAN CLAIM THAT MISTREATMENT OF ITS CITIZENS IS SOLELY WITHIN ITS OWN JURISDICTION AND NO NATION CAN AVOID THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK OUT WHEN FREEDOMS ARE ERODED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR OWN DEFICIENCIES, BUT ARE COMMITTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DEAL WITH THEM QUICKLY AND OPENLY. HE SAID US WOULD SIGN UN COVENANTS ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND THE COVENANT ON POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS AND SEEK RATIFICATION OF THEM ALONG WITH CONVENTIONS ON GENOCIDE AND ON ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. HE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY, ENDORSING IDEA OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SUGGESTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEET MORE OFTEN AND THAT IT BE BROUGHT BACK TO NEW YORK WHERE ITS WORK WOULD RECEIVE MORE PUBLICITY. (US DID NOT FAVOR 1972 MOVE OF UN'S HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION TO GENEVA.) HE DECLARED THAT HR WERE IMPORTANT IN THEMSELVES AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT ACTIONS IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS WHICH ALSO HAD THEIR OWN IMPORTANCE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CALL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AS APPROPRIATE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY USING THE PRECEDING PARAS AS APPROPRIATE AND DRAWING ON SPEECH MORE EXTENSIVELY IN AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. WHILE GOVERNMENT, DRAWING ON MEDIA REPORTS OR REPORTS FROM THEIR UN MISSIONS, MAY SEEK TO STRESS ONE ASPECT OR ANOTHER OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, POSTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY EMPHASES, MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, REDUCING THE ARMS RACE, A MORE COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS WILL ALL BE PURSUED WITH VIGOR BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

8. FOR PEKING. YOU MAY DELIVER BY NOTE.

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